

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
November 6, 2007
(unapproved minutes)

Chairman Lindemann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: DeLoof, Horning, Huehl, Lindemann and Ochs. Also present were planners DeGroot and Pennington.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected as follows, under old business item 2 county should be replaced by 2020 Corporation. A motion was made by Horning with support from Ochs to accept the minutes as corrected. DeLoof abstained. Motion passed.

It was mentioned that Alvin Ernst had been asked to check on the fencing around the County parks property and he said it was 50% done but another project had to be finished before they would go back to doing the fencing. The bridge on Waters Road should be done in December; the Road Commission has received all the materials and has all the permits. They are doing the bridge at Bethel Church Road first and if weather permits because of pouring cement they will do the Waters Road Bridge next.

Communications: The Vehicle, MTA News, Planning Advisory Board workshop.

Audience Participation: There wasn't any.

Old Business:

1) Site Plan Review for Greene Manufacturing. Bruce Greene was present and had several questions on the approval process for the site plan. The Board explained that we need to have DEQ and Washtenaw County information and have Jim Coval check it for zoning compliance and then the Planning Commission approval. Right now the property has two different tax parcel ID numbers and the County needs to be contacted by Bruce to get these parcels listed as one number. The Building layout and infrastructure also needs to be looked at. Bruce was interested in knowing the time line and if the Planning Commission thought we could approve this expansion. He said he wondered if it was worth putting this building up because the Township offers them nothing in regards to a wider Class A road, no fiber optics, no natural gas and etc. Bruce then asked how much time we needed to do a pre- review? We told him 7 to 10 days. We explained to Bruce that we would need to have drainage calculations on the site plan and that a soil erosion permit is needed as well. The PC gave permission to have direct communications between Bruce and our planners DeGroot and Pennington.

2) Rezoning Application request for Jennifer Wells and David Bucholtz. The planning Commission asked Jennifer to define Animal Hospital versus Veterinary Clinic. The difference is a hospital is where an animal may stay for an extended time and a clinic

would be outpatient care only. She would like to have it operating by next summer. The Commission asked her to put into writing what the practice would be and submit it to Larry who would forward it to the appropriate parties. A motion was made by Larry to set the Public Hearing for December 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. with our regular meeting to follow at 8:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

3) Private Waste Water Ordinance. There was some discussion about page 18 A about enforcement. Bill DeGroot will come up with information on the top of 18 section 10.01 and make changes that were pointed out. Also, include a definition for a special assessment district. DeLoof made a motion with support from Horning to recommend to the Township Board for approval after noted changes are made by Bill DeGroot. A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously.

4) Update on Barrett Lake with the State DEQ office. They are still waiting on feedback from all the interested parties to then submit to the MDEQ. The status report is due January 22, 2008. A question was asked if a stop work order had been issued. The answer was no, Barrett can continue to work.

5) Ordinance updates-Wireless Communications. No new drafts have been done since the August 7, 2007 changes that were made and given to Bill DeGroot for his rewriting.

6) Growth Management Plan updated draft. The new draft was received by email. Thank you Planner Pennington for doing this.

A motion was made by DeLoof with support from Huehl to table the remaining two agenda items (GMP draft and the Natural Features Ordinance until our next meeting in December. Motion passed.

New Business:

1) SWWCOG –The Regional Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The location will be announced.

A motion was made by Lindemann with support from Huehl to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Huehl, Secretary